WASHINGTON CITY: FRIDAY May 8, 1857.

SPIRIT OF THE MORNING PRESS. The Intelligencer, in publishing to-day an analysis of the Jervis-Island Guano lately brought to the United States by Mr. Arthur Benson (of which we have already informed the Star's readers), takes occasion to explain that the labors of the American Guano Company, in securing the deposites on the groupe (Jervis, Baker's and New Nantucket Islands) for the use of American agriculture, have been better for the future of the United States than the acquisition of a new Eldorado would have beenmore especially on account of the extraordinary proportion of phosphates that particular guano contains-86 parts; whereas the Peruvian contains but 23 parts. The Intelligencer quotes Leibig to show the immense comparative value of a phosphatic guano to agriculture. We are glad, indeed, to find the Star's position, taken long since, as to the great importance of the acquisition of this group to the future of the United States, now being sustained by the whole press of the country. We adopted it when the statements of the American Guano Company were hooted at as mere speculation pretensions. Much, by the by, is due to Secretary Dobbin. for his firmness and steadiness in aiding the enterprise with all the means of the Navy Department that could be rightfully employed in

The Union, in an able article, shows that in the original negotiation of the Dallas-Clarendon treaty, England could not have been acting with good faith towards this country.

WASHINGTON NEWS AND GOSSIP.

AMERICAN INTERESTS IN CHINA.-There is much speculation in the public mind concerning the line of policy President Buchanan has adopted in relation to China. The supercedure of Dr. Parker, the present Commissioner in that country, who has been connected with the American Legation there for nearly twenty years, is familiar with the customs and the language of the Chinese, and the appointment in his place of so eminent a lawyer as Mr. Reed. have, when taken in connection with the putting the new frigate Minnesota in commission in great haste to convey the new Minister to his post of duty, given rise to the impression that a new and important line of action in Chinese affairs had been determined upon.

Yet from what we can gather of public impression at this point, we do not incline to the belief that any departure has been resolved on in relation to our interests in China, from the policy laid down by President Pierce in that connexion during the last days of his administration, when the subject was brought under his consideration, by reason of communications from the Minister to France. On that occasion, if we are not mistaken, the United States declined to enter into any alliance, direct or indirect, with any government, to accomplish national purposes in China. It may be that President Buchanan has adopted a different policy; but such, we repeat, is not at present our belief. The number of public armed vessels in that station have been increased, by reason of the fact that the persons and property of American citizens have been injured or menaced, and probably will be again, should war aginst China grow out of present disturbances, which have for their inspiring cause the old question concerning the opium trade; but that circumstance is not of significance.

An alliance between the United States on the one part, and England and France on the other. for a purpose so grave as the opening of the whole Chinese Empire to free trade and social intercourse with the civilized world, must be something more than a simple verbal understanding between nations. It must be a solemn treaty authenticated by the most imposing forms. It must be either an armed coalition for specific objects, or merely a promise on our part to institute a grand American naval and diplomatic promenade in the waters of China. The latter is entirely within the power of the President; but is the former? Can the Executive, without the consent of Congress, certainly of the Senate, enter into an alliance, coalition, or understanding with either France or Great Britain, or both, which might in certain emergencies compel us to take part with those nations in a war against the government and people of China? Even if the President of the United States had the power, would existing facts warrant such an alliance or coalition?

It is for these reasons, among others, that we do not incline to the opinion that our new Minister to China has been or will be entrusted with any new or special powers,-any not long since given to our present Commissioner,-in relation to an alliance or coalition with the Government of England or France.

We may not inappropriately add, that it seems to us that there should not be delay in his departure for his post of duty; nor, unless circumstances render it necessary, should be proceed by way of England, when the route by way of Panama, and thence to the Sandwich Islands and China in a Government vessel is so much more expeditious. Our present trade with China is so immense that no delay should be had in making the American Legation there, and the Commander of our squadron in those waters, acquainted with the views of the President and his Cabinet upon so important a ques-

PLAGIARISM OF THE NEW YORK HERALD .-Bennett, every one knows, plumes himself amazingly on the originality of the commercial matter published by his journal, and is as jealous as a Barbary cock at any infringement on his fancied rights. In his paper of Tuesday last, with his usual blowing of trumpets, and with a most imposing array of capitals, he lays before the world what he calls "an elaborate and interesting article on CHINA-its commerce. its agriculture and productions," occupying more than five closely-printed columns. Well, the article is, certainly, "elaborate and interesting," and no wonder; for, by referring to our copy of the recent well-known Report of the State Department on the "Commercial Relations of the United States with all nations," we find that nearly the whole of the five columns are abstracted from the Digest of China!-almost every fact and almost every figure and sentence! Extended and intricate tabular statements, which must have cost the statistical office an immensity of patient toil!-interesting facts and incidents which could have been derived from no other possible source but the consular archives of the Department of State !everything, in short, of any interest or value in the article!-its brains, its bones, its blood, its boots, and its breeches! -everything! And yet there is not the slightest intimation in the article, or in the paper, that such an authority exists as a Digest of the Commercial Relations of China with the United States, or such a document as the recent Report! Indeed, the only allusion the Herald has ever made to that Report is, if we are not mistaken, contained in a few lines of editorial abuse, about two months

THE PROOF OF THE PUDDING 'S IN THE EAT ING .- In Massachusetts they come nearer than in any other Northern State, to the point of carrying out the doctrine of the equality of the races which their newspapers and lay and clerical "philanthropists" preach so interminably. There, they permit no distinction as to color to be made in traveling on railroads;

though, as yet, in that State, if we are not mistaken, the old-fashioned stage coach is tabooed to persons of African descent. Their railroad "dodge" is evidently the result of a desire to seem to earry out practically, the dectrines to which they profess to subscribe. They take at least that much of the amalgamation medicine they prescribe for others, though with a bad grace—with many grimaces, so far as the mass of the population is concerned. Off the railroad car, however, and where votes or trade may not be sought, few other things under the sun are as offensive to them as a colored man. So great is the popular prejudice among them against that portion of their population, as that custom closes against the colored all mechanical trades and all descriptions of labor to which white persons in great numbers resort for a livelihood, almost as rigidly as though they were so excluded by virtue of law.

We are reminded of these facts most forcibly. indeed, by the following paragraphs which we clip from a late number of the Journal of

[From the Worcester Bay State.] "Tenement Wanted .- Having made several ap-plications for a tenement, and being refused upon the account of color, I take this method of inquiring through the press, if there is any gentle-man in the city of Worcester who has a tenement, a short distance from Foster Block, he would not be afraid to rent to a gentleman of color. He will find a respectable tenant in Prof. A. Molineaux, Proprietor of Worcester gymnasium, who is obliged to change his residence, it being too far from his place of business. If there is any gentleman who can accommodate the applicant hey will please address a line, through post, and oblige most respectfully,
"April 25, 1857. Prof. A. MOLINEAUX."

Worcester is a fewel of a place. When cant and humbug are dull in the wider market of the yet united Republic, an unfailing and unequalled supply can be obtained in this heart of the Comealth. Is a Fugitive Slave bill to be nullified? Forthwith the tocsin is sounded and the City Hall crowded, and vociferous resolutions full of sound and fury, are passed by acclaim-but alas! signifying nothing. Then and there it is solemnly announced that, "as God is their helpthe "heroes and heroism" thus assembled will never permit a poor slave to be taken out of this municipality. From this home of negrophilism the awkward squads of incipient sedi-tion sally forth, to meet and fly from the ordinary police of the metropolis. Here treason is preached from the pulpit and practical Christianity ig-nored And here—in this city of Worcester which curses the Supreme Court for pronouncing the incapacity of the African race to be or become citizens of the Republic,-in this Worcester which professes the worship of the Ideal Angelic Negro-a man is unable to find a residence because he is of a black complexion and of African

THE MUNICIPAL NOMINATIONS .- The city reader will find in the Star's local columns this afternoon, an account of the proceedings of the Anti-Know Nothing City Convention, in session last night at the Assembly Rooms, on Louisiana avenue. We have hardly room to say that these nominations were made evidently with a due regard to the best interests of Washington. Messrs. Haliday, Morgan and Forsyth are known to every business man here we presume. as being among the most industrious, painstaking, prudent, enterprising and energetic citizens of the Federal Metropolis. They are all unpretending men; yet none others among us are persons of higher individual character. It rejoices us thus to find the duties of strict integrity and honest industry endorsed by the Anti-Know Nothings of this city, as the necessary basis of the character of those with whom they would entrust public responsibilitiesrather than the characteristics of that most pestiferous class in society-the small politician-so apt in these times, through the machinery of party, to foist themselves into positions of trust for which they are wholly unfit. If the other side in this municipal contest will select as their candidates men equally as competent, in whom, personally, the community have as much confidence, -and there is no lack of such gentlemen in their ranks,we shall be proud, indeed, of the morale of our city as thus exemplified.

NAVY CONTRACTS .- The heavy contracts for naval clothing have just been awarded by the Bureau of Provisions and Clothing as follows.

Classes 1 and 2, (cloth clothing and flannel clothing) to Wm. B. Lovejoy, of Boston, Mass. Classes 3, 6 and 11, to Wm. Mathews, of New York, (canvas duck trowsers and sheeting frocks and sheeting, duck and nankeen in the piece, and black silk handkerchiefs.)

Class 4 and 5, to the Bay State Mills, (blue fiannel and blue satinet.)

Class 7, to Henry Newton, of West Newton, Mass., (shoes.)

Class 8, to Francis Greenleaf, Boston, Mass. (woolen mocks.)

Class 9, to Sumner Flag, of Boston, Mass.

Class 10, to New England Worsted Company

The prices at which these important contracts were taken are said among the manufacturers of New England to prove that they can sell under the new tariff at much less rates than here-

The total cost of these stores to the Government will be about \$400,000.

The contracts for navy provisions, given out three or four weeks ago, will amount to an aggregate of some \$800,000.

THE WEATHER .- The following report of the weather for this morning is made from the Morse Telegraph line to the Smithsonian Institution, and will be continued daily when the line is in working order. The time of observation is about 7 o'clock a. m.;

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FROM THE WEST. Frederick, Md.clear, warm. Hagerstown, Md.clear, pleasant. Cumberland, Md.clear, pleasant. Wheeling, Va.clear, pleasant.

At the Smithsonian Institution at 9 p. m. last evening the Barometer was 30.146; at 7 this morning it was 30.136, and rising. Thermometer at 9 p. m. last evening, 58 deg.; this morning, 51 deg. Wind slight. N.E.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT .- New Offices Established .- North Warren, Lincoln county, Me., Amasa Russell, Postmaster; Doraville, Broome county, N. Y., Charles Doolittle, Postmaster; Larissa, Hancock county, Ala., Andrew J. Ingle, Postmaster; San Saba, San Saba county, Texas, Wiley J. Murray, Postmaster; Minnesota Mine, Ontanagon county, Mich., Wm. Peck, Postmaster.

Name of Post Office Changed .- Perkinsville, Lycoming county, Pa., name changed to

Post Offices Discontinued .- Harrison Valley, Potter county, Pa.; Wilmart, Herkimer county, N. Y.; Madrid Depot, St. Lawrence county, N. Y.; Derby, Steuben county, N. Y.

THE NAVAL COURTS OF INQUIRY .- In Court No. 1, on meeting this morning, adjourned over until Tuesday next, to afford the time for the preparation of the defence of Lt. Chandler, made necessary by the great amount of testimony introduced.

Before Court No. 2, the case of Pas el Midshiyman Edward C. Grafton, (furloughed by shiyman Edward C. Grafton, (furloughed by Leonard J. Worden, of Utles, N. Y.—For im the Retiring Board) was taken up, and doos proved mode of securing hubs to axles.

mentary testimony was read on the behalf of the Government, and put in ere we went to

Before Court No. 3, Lt. D. D. Porter, (called by the Government,) has been the only witness examined in the pending case of Captain Voorheer since the Star was published yesterday. He is still under examination. THE WATER WORKS LETTINGS .- Last even-

ing, at a late hour, Capt. Meigs got through reading off the bids for this work in the presence of the large concourse of bidders who at-It will require a week, perhaps, ere the cal-

culations can be finished on which the contracts will be awarded. These calculations must, of necessity, be referred to the Secretary of War, who is charged with the duty of approving the awards of the Engineer in charge.

Shortly after the opening of the bids was commenced yesterday, a letter was received from the Secretary of War, transmitting the following note from the President, the directions embraced in which, we are sure, must commend themselves to all. It is, indeed, a model letter of its kind :

WASHINGTON, May 7, 1857. Siz: In answering your inquiries in relation to the biddings for the Washington Aqueduct, I have only to say there ought to be but one rule. and that is, to assign the work to the lowest bid-der, provided he be responsible and able to give the necessary security. This is in accordance with the practice of the Government—will secure the greatest economy in the public expenditure-and cannot fail to prove satisfactory to the bidders themselves. Any other rule would produce much dissatisfaction with the conduct of the Department. Yours, very respectfully,

JAMES BUCHANAN. Hon. JOHN B. FLOYD, Secretary of War.

"A SLIP 'TWIXT CUP AND LIP."-Last week distant newspapers announced the appointment of Mr. J. A. Gibson to be the U. S. Marshal for the western district of Pennsylvania. The Star took occasion to say, with reference to that appointment, that, whatever might happen in time, it was very certain that Mr. Gibson had not been so appointed. As late as the day before yesterday the same mistake was repeated in other papers. Yesterday, Mr. Jos. G. Campbell was appointed to the post.

DECLINED .- Ex (U. S.) Senator John Pettit, of Indiana, who was tendered by President Buchanan, one of the United States Judgeships in Minnesota Territory, has declined that position, we hear. He is a gentleman of great legal learning and independence and energy of character. His declension is to be regretted, as had he accepted he would have greatly strengthened the Minnesota bench.

REMOVED.—We hear that the Civil Engineer at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, John McLeod Murphy, Esq., was removed this morning.

LIST OF PATENTS .- The following is the list ffice, for the week ending March 5, 1857-each bearing that date : Bryan Atwater, of Berlin, Conn .- For improve-

went in sewing machines.
Wm. N. Adams, of Olmsted, Ohio.-For improvement in screw-cutting machines. N. R. Bates, of New York, N. Y .- For imovement in stuffing boxes. Erastus B. Bigelow, of Boston, Mass.—For improvement in looms for weaving pile fabrics.
Gilbert Bishop, of New York, N. Y.—For im-

proved machine for cutting veneers.

Sherloch H. Bishop, of Orange, Conn.—For improved adjustable pole for carriages.

Robt. Bogle, of Rock Hall, Md.—For improvement in boats for duck shooting. Samuel Boven, of Lowell, Mass .- For improvement in picker motion for looms. Stephen D. Carpenter, of Madison, Wis .- For

improvement in machines for printing subscribers' names on newspapers.

J. H. Hobart Burge and William J. Burge, of Brooklyn, N. Y.—For improvement in surgical Jeremiah Carhart, of New York, N. Y .- For

mprovement in swells for melodeons, &c. Richard H. Cole, of St. Louis, Mo .- For imovement in nut machines. John B. Cornell, of New York, N. Y .- For improved vault cover. John B. Cornell, of New York, N. Y .- For im-

provement in vault covers. George W. Cotton, of St. Louis, Ms .- For improvement in metal packed pistons for steam en-Ezra Cole, of Fairfield, Mich .- For improved portable field fence.

Solomon Cole, of Rochester, N. Y .- For imroved method of opening and closing gates, by proaching vehicles. George Crangle, of Philadelphia, Pa .- For imovement in rotary brick machines. Jeremiah M. Crosby, of Norwalk, O .- For im-Charles Croek, of New Hope, Penna .- For im-

Joseph T. Curtis, of New York, N.Y.—For om-E. G. Cushing, of Dryden, N Y .- For improvement in straw cutters. Peter S. Ebert, of Chicago, Ill .- For improvement in heating feed water apparatus of locomo-

Thos. Estlack, of Philadelphia, Pa.-For improvement in ice cutting attachments to ves-Isaac D. Garlick, of Lyons, N.Y .- For improved method of uniting and sustaining the pan-

els of portable field fences Thos. C. Garlington, of LaFayette, Ala .- For improvement in plows. Jackson Gorham, of Bairdstown, Ga.—For improvement in the construction of plows.

Horace Gray, of Boston, Mass.—For improve-

ment in locomotive engines. Robt. Haering, of New York, N. Y .- For im-Proved process for purifying gutta percha.

Robt. Hale, of Roxbury, Mass.—For improvement in means for directing the exhaust of loco-

Robt. Hale, of Roxbury, Mass.—For improve-ment in machines for making India rubber belt-

Jas. Harrison, Jr., of New Yo:k, N. Y .- For improvement in chain pumps. Andrew Hett, of Augusta, Ga .- For violin at David Hodges, of Suffolk, Va .- For improved adjustable bed guage to regulate tenoning.

Jos. W. Jayne, of Sandusky, Ohio.—For im-

provement in brick machines. Henry L. Justice and John H. Galbreath, of Goodlettsville, Tenn.-For improvement in cot-Matthaus Kaefer, of Alexandria, Pa .- For improvement in transmitting motion.

Hiram Kellogg, of McHenry, Ill.-For im-provement in machines for cutting and binding John P. Marston, of Charlestown, Mass.—For improvement in machines for turning the edges of cloth.

Geo. R. McIlroy, of Covington, Ky.-For improvement in pocket safes or fastenings. Daniel Methven and Angus A. Methven, of Wooster, O-For improved self-reversing feed motion for sawing mills.

John C. Miller, of Starrucca, Pa., and Charles N. Tyler, of Washington, D. C.-For improvement in machinery for napping cloth.

Robt. S. Osgood, of Troy, N. Y., assignor to
Jason C. Osgood.—For improvement in ships hawse-holes. Chas. Pinder, of Lowell, Mass .- For improve-

ment in wrenches. Rufus Porter, of Washington, D. C .- For improvement in the buckets of automatic grain weighing machines. Robert Price, of Worcester, Mass .- For varnish to prepare photographic grounds for wood en-

gravers. Lewis B. Randall, of Penn Yan, N.Y .- For improvement in sleighs and cutters. John B. Read, of Tuscaloosa, Ala .- For improvement in fire arms. Charles Robinson, of Cambridgeport, Mass.— For improved arrangement of stair steps. Henry Seitz, of St. Mary's, Va.—For improve-

ment in close or open stoves.

Wm. Sellers and Coleman Sellers, of Philadelphia, Pa .- For improvement in coupling for shaft Charles Stearnes, of New York, N.Y .- For improved process of preparing green sand marl as a fertilizer of lands.

Henry Steinway, of New York, N.Y .- For piano-forte action. Richard Ford Sturges, of Birmingham, Eng.— For mode of constructing rollers or cylinders for printing fabrics. Patented in England, Oct. 16, Sardis Thomson, of West Otis, Mass .- For im-

proved clothes pounder.

Helen C. Traphagan, of New York, N. Y.—For improvement in ladies' skirts.

Henry Tryon, of Stenben, Pa.—For improved arrangement of door sill and door strip.

Horace Vansands, of Middletown, Conn.—For improvement in blind fastenings.

Cullen Whipple of Providence P. I.—For Cullen Whipple, of Providence, R. I.—For improvement in machines for combing wool.

Alfred Williams and Edward P. Cummings, of Philadelphia, Pa.—For improvement in locks.
L. M. Wright, of Niagara Falls, N. Y.—For improved mode of operating the gate of the bine wheels.

James Hotchkiss & Wm. H. Scholfield, of Yellow Springs, Ohio, assignors to themselves and Wm. R. King, of same place.—For improvement

Henry Mellish, of Walpole, N. H., assignor to Henry Mellish, of Walpole, N. H., assignor to Chas. Pope, of Brookline, Mass.—For improved cutters for turning cylindrical wooden boxes.

Re-issues.—Jacob C. Robie, of Binghampton, N. Y.—For improvement in turn tables. Patented August 15, 1851.

Erastus Bigelow, of Boston, Mass.—For improvement in looms for weaving Brussels carpets, ac. Patented March 10, 1849; re-issued October 6, 1849. Richard M. Hoe, of New York, N. Y .- For improvement in machinery for grinding and polishng metallic surfaces, particularly saw-plates.

Patented May 30, 1842; extended seven years from Design .- Jacob Steffe, James Horton & John Currie, of Philadelphia, Pa., assignors to F. H. Church, of same place.—For design for stoves.

.... The Hon. Thos. B. Florence, M. C. from P. nasylvania, is in this city. .. Senator Fitch of Indiana, is at Willards' So, also, is ex-Senator James of Rhode Island. Col. John H. Wheeler, ex-Minister (U. S. to Nicaragua, is in this city.

PERSONAL

.... H. Jordan is preparing to open the theatre at Oswego, N. Y., with a good company. George Wood, the western manager, and McVicer, the Yankee comedian, are about to build a theatre in Chicago. The failure of Montreal to meet her cit

bonds, due in London, has made John Bull scratch his head. The Hon. Mr. Clark, M. C. elect from New York city, is at Brown's Hotel. So, also, is Cornelius Vanderbilt, Esq. Dr. Kittredge of New Hampshire, an ex-M.

. was at the Kirkwood House in this city, on the day before yesterday. Hon. H. F. Clark, N.Y., Com. C. Vande bilt, N. Y., Gen. H. D. Foster and Dr. Forney, Pa., and Col. Sol. Hillen, Md., are at Browns'. Mr. D. S. Palmer, well known to theatre goers in various parts of the country, died in

Providence on Saturday morning, of consump-.... Rev. John A. Collins an emineut divine of the Baltimore Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, died yesterday afternoon at one o'clock, n the fifty-sixth year of his age, of pneumonia,

.... The march of civilization is onward! A clergyman in a Springfield, Mass., church, last Sunday married a couple, substituting the words "gentleman and lady" for "man" and "wo-man." Outraged Benton! Where are thy thun-

.... Hon. G. B. Adrain and Governor Price, of New Jersey; Capt. Bailey and Com. D. D. Porter, U. S. N.; Hon. W. F. Brooks, of New York; Major Hunter, U. S. A.; Hon. G. N. Fitch, U. S. Senator from Indiana, and Hon. John C. Knox, of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, are at Wil-

... The Fayetteville, N. C., Observer corrects statement in relation to the health of the late secretary of the Navy by stating that so far from t being true that he is confined to his room, Mr. Dobbin has been able to take repeated and ong rides on all days when the weather has been pleasant, and we were very much gratified to hear, a few days ago, that he felt himself somewhat better, and is cheerful and hopeful."

man, whose acrobatic performances in the political arena are widely known, advertises in the Intelligencer, of Hamilton, all his property in and about that town for sale. The Telegraph says: "We supposed this to have been intended for political effect, but learn from a reliable source, of patents issued from the United States Patent | that he really designs to go West, if he can dispose this vicinity."

> FROM J. SHILLINGTON We have No. 4, of Burton's admirable "Cyclopedia of Wit and Humor." The present number has a fine likeness of Wash-

> THE BURDELL MURDER.-The trial of Mrs. Cunningham, charged with having murdered Dr. Burdell, was continued, on Wednesday, in the New York courts. Much additional testimony was taken relative to the position and character of the wounds found in the body, and, from the course pursued by the defence, the opinion obtains that they will endeavor to shift the responsibility of the deed upon some person having more than common knowlege of the anatomy of the human body. Such was the opinion of Dr. Fran-cis, when upon the stand. There was consider-able testimony elicited on the cross-examinations, bearing upon the impression that the wounds were inflicted by a left-handed person, and that Mrs. Cunningham was a left-handed woman. The medical witnesses gave no decided opinion as to what hand was used by the person who committed the deed, and witnesses familiar with Mrs. Cunningham had failed to notice any unusual use of her left hand. A model of the house, and drawings in oil of the room in which the body was found, were brought into court, and

found valuable aids to a correct understanding of portion of the evidence. Yesterday afternoon the prosecution closed against Mrs. Cunningham, when her counsel moved that the case be dismissed, unless the district attorney would call as witnesses, Eckel, Snodgrass, and the Misses Helen and Augusta Cunningham. The Court, however, refused the motion. Mr. Dean then moved a dismissal of the case on the ground that the Court was not propery constituted. The motion was not entertained,

and the Court took a recess. When the Court re-assembled the case was opened for the defence. Dr. Carnochan stated his heory of the whole affair, and expressed the opinion that the murder was committed by a righthanded person. Two other witnesses gave their testimony which was wholly with reference to the alleged marriage

METROPOLITAN MECHANICS' IN-STITUTE.—A meeting of the Building Committee will be held THIS (Friday) EVENING, at the Mayor's Office, at 8 o'clock. Punctual attendance of all the members is requested, as important business will be brought forward.

1t THOS. C. MAGRUDER, Sec.

NOTICE.—PERSONS HAVING IN Their possession Books belonging to the Library of the Department of State, will confer a favor by returning them forthwith to the Librarian.

COLUMBIA ENGINE COMPANY, No.1.
An adjourned special meeting of the Company
will be held at the Hall of the Engine House, on
FRIDAY EVENING, May 8th, at 7½ o'clock. Business of the utmost importance demands the attendance of every member.

P. J. ENNIS, Corresponding Secretary. ST. PATRICK'S.—A meeting of the Pastors and Parishioners of this parish will be held on SUNDAY AFTERNOON, at 4 o'clock. in the parish school-rooms, corner of F and 10th sts, to take the first formal step towards the erection of the new Church on the site left for that purpose by the late venerated pastor, the very Rev. William Matthews, D. D. The design of the Church (Gothic) is to be seen at the pastors residence. may 6-4t

HEADQUARTERS VOLUNTEERS, 18T REG. 3D BRIGADE, M. D. C., WASHINGTON, May 4, 1857.

Washington, May 4, 1857.

The Brigadier General having, as required by law, appointed the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., on the fourth Monday, being the 25th day of this month, as the time, and the usual parade ground, at the City Hall, as the place of muster for the exercise and inspection this year, the companies composing the battalions of this regiment will assemble at the said time and place, according to law. The officers of the regiment will, therefore, according to their rank and position, give the proper notices to their respective commands, and appear with them on parade, as above directed.

By order of Colonel Hickey.

May 5

H. N. OBER. Adjutant.

INDIA RUBBER AND BUFFALO COMBS, Hair, Tooth, and Nail BRUSHES, at may 8-3t LAMMOND'S. MILLINERY, MILLINERY.—Just opened, an elegant assortment of MILLINERY, at our store.

GEO. H. CASSIDY & CO., may 8-3t 314 Pa. ave., bet. 10th and 11th streets.

DONT NEGLECT THE CHILDREN.-For CES, &c., call at LAMMOND'S.7th street. FAMILY CARRIAGE FOR SALE.—MADE by Wood & Co., New York, in complete order. Suitable for one or two horses. Will be sold a bargain. Can be seen at the stable in rear of 345 I street, opposite Franklin Square.

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the WHITE HOUSE PAVILION for the
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at the Pavilion. Square. COLT'S NEW MODEL, WARNER'S AND Allen's Revolvers, Self Cocking Pistols, Allen's Single and Double Barrel Pistols, Powder Flasks, Shot Pouches, Gun Nippers, Ramrod Heads, Gun Worms, Eley's, Walker's, Cox's, and G. D. Percusion Caps, Eley's and Baldwin's Gun Wadding, Wad Cutter, and a good assortment of Gun Trimmings, for sale by THE PIANO AT ODD FELLOWS' HALL, selected by Mr. Ordway, is one of exquisite tone and touch, beautifully carved, full 7 octaves, iron frame, from the celebrated establishment of Hains & Brothers, New York. This is a specimen Pisao, and can be relied upon. We offer it at a great bargain for cash, or good endorsed notes, and will give a written guarantee with it.

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EXHIBITION AND MAY FESTIVAL
TO BE REPEATED.

Prof. MUNDER takes great pleasure in monouncing to the public, that, at the solicitation of many friends, he has consented to repeat in severy particular his Exhibition and May Pestival Ball on TUESDAY EVENING, May 12th, 1857, (instead of Monday, the 11th.)

To add additional attraction to this exceedingly popular entertainment, he will (at the request of upwards of 150 of his best patrons) make this a Pancy Dress Ball for those who desire to appear in costume.

DRESS BALL for those who desire to appear in costume.

Judging from the extensive preparation of many young ladies and gentlemen, and the superior new wardrobe of Mr. Marshall, the Baltimore Costumer, gives every assurance that this will be one of the most bril ant entertainments that has every been given in this city. Mr. Marshall has several Roman Armors, besides many new Court Suits, gotten up expressly for this occasion, and will be on exhibition at the Assembly Rooms any time after 2 o'clock on Monday next, tith instant.

P. S.—All those who prefer appearing in citize a dress are privileged to list their own pleasure.

The Exhibition will positively commence at 8% o'clock, and general dancing at 10%.

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tween 8th and 9th streets.

Planos FOR RENT AT JOHN F. ELLIS'S, may 7

NEW MUSIC THIS DAY ATELLIS'S MUSIC

PORTEMONNAIES, CARD CASES BRUSHES, COMBS, PERFUMERY, MATS CAGES, &c., &c., M McLAUGHLIN & CO.'S.

SUMMER MILLINERY — MISS E. E. Mc-DONALD would respectfully inform her friends that she will open on Saturday, May 9th, a very handsome assortment of SUM-MER MILLINERY of new and beautiful

lesigns.
Also, a handsome assortment of fine Neapolitan,
Tissue, and Straw of various styles, together with a

general assortment of Trimmings of all kinds to suit the season. Her customers and the public generally are respectfully invited to call at No. 7i, Bridge street,

SUMMER MILLINERY.—MRS. M. A. HILLS will open Summer Millinery on Saturday. May 9th, at 295 Penn. avenue, between 9th and

RYE AND BARLEY MALT, for sale at the CITY MALT HOUSE, cerner of West Falls avenue and Block street, Baltimore, Md.

MALT FOR SALE.—The undersigned having recently purchased the CITY MALT HOUSE, corner of West Falls avenue and Block street, would announce to his friends and the public, that he has it now in full operation, with a large supply of MALT for sale on liberal terms.

MY 6-3m

TRANCIS DENMEAD.

WANTED FOR THE UNITED STATES
MARINE CORPS.—Two hundred able
bodied men. Psy from \$11 to \$22 per month,
with board and clothing. Service on land and
sea. Promotion given to good and likely men.
Apply at the Marine Barracks, Washington
City, and at all Marine Stations.
may 6-2w
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MANN'S CELEBRATED COPYING PRESS, ES and LETTER BOOKS, every size and price: ARNOLD'S MACHINE COPYING INK.

together with a general assortment of COUNTING
HOUSE STATIONERY and BLANK BOOKS,
just received by S. DECAMP & CO.,
(Successors to Wm. Adam.)
Booksellers and Stationers,
432 Penn. avenue.

WILL GIVE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS

I reward for the arrest and conviction of the thief or thieves who stole from my place of business, on

the night of the 30th April, I barrel roll Butter, 2 tubs

New York Goshen do., 2 boxes Cheese, 5 boxes Candles; Soap, Codfish, and other articles.

may 2-lw*

BERNARD HAYES.

Pour Second-Hand Planos Still Un-sold, at our great Plano and Music Store, 36 Penn, anenue, between 9th and 10th streets.

VIOLINS, BOWS, STRINGS, ROSIN, IN-STRUCTION BOOKS, &c., at ELLIS'S.

GOLD WATCHES. CHAINS, &c.—We invite special attention to a very choice assortment of ladies' and gentlemen's elegant GOLD WATCHES just received, which we can re-

commend as perfect timekeepers.

Also, a large assortment of CHATALAINS,
VEST, FOB, and GUARD CHAINS of the latest
styles.

M. W. GALT & BRO,, Jewellers,
may 2-6t

324 Pa. av., bet. 9th and 10th sts.

WASHINGTON HALL RESTAURANT, corner 6th St. and Pa. Av., (south side.)

P. M. DUBANT (late of Benter & Dubant) respectfully announces that he has purchased the interest of his former partner in the basiness, and solicits a continuance of that patronage which heretofore has been so generously bestowed on them. He will spare no pains or expense in maintaining the reputation of his house, and with this determination, aided by an experience of five years in the business, and the best assistance that can be procured, he trusts that he will be able to justify the confidence reposed in him.

reposed in him.

"Tis not in the power of mortals to command success: but I will do more—I'll deserve it."

The entire Establishment has been thoroughly re-

paired and renovated, and the stock materially in-

Every delicacy the market affords—OYSTERS, GAME, &c.,—will always be kept, and orders attended to at all times.

Gentlemen can be supplied with Meals at all hours.

The Bar is furnished with as choice a selection of Liquors as can be produced, and polite and experienced Bar-tenders and waiters will dispense to customers every thing desired. Cigars, of the most approved brands and finest flavor, constantly on hand. In short, the proprietor intends to leave no means untried to continue his house, what it has been—the A No. I House of this city.

A DUBANT.

SUPERIOR READING LAGER BEER.

The subscriber takes this method to inform the citizens of Washington and vicinity, that he constantly keeps on hand Lauer's superior READING LAGER BEER, PORTER, and ALE, which he is ready to serve at any time, in Bottles or Casks, to Hotel keepers or private families.

Also, ICE at all hours, in quantities to suit.

B. SCHAD, may 5-lw Southwest cor. Sd street and Pa. ave.

PENS-PENS-PENS.—Just received per steam-ship Arabia, 500 gross very superior STEEL PENS. My BANK PEN has no equal, may 2 FERGUSON, 496 7th st.

SHIRT BOSOMS, ALL LINEN. FOR 18 Cts.; Cambric ditto, 12½ cts. Childrens' FLATS only 50 cts., good, at J. C. GIBSON'S Cheap Cash Store, may 5-1w bet. 7th and 8th sts., Market Space.

The subscriber has just received the following

BIRD CAGES. DOOR MATS, BASKETS, TOYS, CARRIAGES, &c., at
H. J. McLAUGHLIN & CO.'S,
ap 23 No. 20 bet. 8th and 9th sts.

CHOICE HAMS FOR BAKING.—We have received to-day, a prime lot of SUGAR-CURED HAMS, prepared with especial reference to Baking.

KING & BURCHELL.

SILVER MEDAL PREMIUM !- From the Me-tropolitan Mechanics" Institute,

For ICE CREAM, WATER ICES, and CAKES.

C. C. ATZS, No. 107 Bridge street, between Con-C. C. ATZS, No. 107 Bridge street, between Congress and High streets, Georgetown, begs leaved to inform the citizens of Georgetown and vicinity the citizens of Georgetown and vicinity the citizens of Georgetown and Company and Com

to inform the citizens of Georgetown and vicinity that he is ready to furnish any order that it would please the public to give him, and assures them that it would be completely satisfactory. Prices—lee Cream \$2 per gallon, plain or in moulds. Will have always on hand ICE EREAM. CAKES, and WATER ICES, for those that favor me with a call.

SHOE AND BOOT MAKERS, LOOK TO your interest —I have just received two cases of FRENCH CALF SKINS, which I will sell cheap

for cash, or good paper.

Also, SOLE LEATHER, MOROCCO, a
SHEEP SKIN, cheap. Terms liberal.

JOHN C. SHAFER.

may 6-eost* Pa, ave. bet. 13th and 13% street,

MAGNIFICENT AND ELEGANT
BAREGE ROBES, (blk grounds.)
Just received this day from New York, not three
days out of the Custom House, ENTIRELY NEW
DESIGNS. Call and buy before they are all sold, at
FRANK A. McGEE'S,
may 2-eolw
244 Pa. av., bet. 12th and 13th sts.

C LASSICAL AND MATHEMATICAL
The Academy recently conducted by the Rev. T.
W. Simpson, West street, near High, will be reopened by the Rev. Charles B. Mac Kee, of Baltimore, on Wednesday next, 18th instant, at 90 clock
a. m. Early application is requested, as the number
of admissions will be limited.

Prior to the opening further information may be obtained from the following named gentlemen:
O. Z. Muncaster, Keq., Rev. J. W. Major,
R. S. T. Cissel, Esq., William Young, Esq.,
Dr. James S. Mac Kie. may 6-1w

REFRIGERATORS, ICE PITCHERS, RUTTER COOLERS,
and a large fresh supply of Housekeeping
and other useful articles, at 490 Seventh st.
A call will pay.

G. PRANCIS

may 5-lw

corner Vermont avenue and 15th street.

NEW GOODS JUST RECEIVED.

P. M. DUBANT.

JOHN F. ELLIS.

(Balt Sun copy)

FRANCIS DENMEAD.

10th streets. The ladies are respectfully invi-

BALTIMORE CITY MALT HOUSE.

Please Read and Remember ! 1 4 3 V 3 SHES IT FULLY UNDERSTOOD that he is SELLING DRY GOODS, RPETINGS, OIL CLOTHS, MATTINGS, BONNETS, HATS, AND LEAPER THAN ANY OTHER HOUSE IN THE CITY, and why secause he sells for Cash only, and does not require large profits to make up BARGAINS have just been received from the Northern Auctions: FINE is: BEREGE DELAINES, 12 cents: FRENCH GINGHAMS, 12 cts.; pure IRISH LINEN, 25 cents; fine LINEN SHIRT BOSOMS, 25 cts.; pure IRISH LINEN, 25 cents; fine LINEN SHIRT BOSOMS, 25 cts.; its; PAPER CAMBRIC, 8 cents; 5-4 BLEACHED and BROWN COTfoents; LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, 6 cents; KID GLOVES, 25 cts.; ride BONNET RIBBONS, 16 cents; STRAW BONNETS, 50 cents; R. \$1.50; SHAKERS, 50 cents; PARASOLS, 50 cents; ELEGANT CARINGS and OILCLOTHS, very cheap; METALLIC HOOPS for SKIRTS, All Goods shown cheerfully, represented fairly, and submitted to the PURCHASER'S taste and ligment.

R. B. HALL, No. 373 Seventh street, Fourth house above I street,

AMUSEMENTS.

A NNIVERSARY CONCERT

UNION CHOIR ASSOCIATION. At the Smithsonian Institution. THIS (Friday) EVENING, May 8th, at 8 o'clock Assisted by the Convention, consisting of CHORUSES, QUARTETTES, TRIOS, SOLOS.

The management have secured the valuable services of Mr. GEORGE F. ROOT, who will have entire charge of the exercises. By order of the Board.
JAS. H. MoKENNEY, Rec. Sec.

Tickets TWENTY-FIVE CENTS—to be had at the principal Book and Music Stores. ODD FELLOWS' HALL.

SIGNOR DONETTI'S GREAT PARISIAN TROUPE OF

Acting Monkeys, Dogs, and Goats, whose wonderful performance, comic peculiarities, correct delineations and natural drolleries have excited the mirth and admiration of the young and old, grave and gay, of both Continents, and who held the supremacy over all other fashionable entertainments in Paris one whole season, and at the Astor Place Opera House in New York for

and whose recent success throughout the principal cities of the United States has been unprecedented in the annals of amusements,—will make their first appearance in four years in this city in a series of their Serio-Comic, Melo-Dramatic, and Pantomimic Pentragnetions together with Scenes in the Circle depresentations, together with Scenes in the Circ On MONDAY EVENING, May 11th,

and will most positively remain but for SIX NIGHTS ONLY.

The order of this Novel Entertainment will commence with the Monkey Feats or Banquet D'Afrique, the most amusing and laughter-provoking spectacle ever witnessed. To be succeeded by Slack Repo and Equestrian Performances, grand Military Spectacles, laughter-exciting Melo-Dramatic Representations, mirth-provoking Pantomingic Scenes (with magnificant and appropriate costumes) never yet equalled on any stage. After which will be presented DONETTI'S KALEIDESCOPICAL VIEWS,
OR, MAGIC CHANGES.
The whole to conclude with the grand ascension of

THE DOG JOHN BULL, surrounded by a terrific explosion of Fire Works ORDWAY'S ETHIOPIAN MELANGES FOR

ODD FELLOWS' HALL,

For Five Nights only, commencing Monday, May 4. The original ORDWAY'S EOLIANS, under the management of John P. Ordway, from Ordway Hall, Boston, (where they have performed for the past eight years,) will during the enlargement and beautifying of their Hall, visit the principal Southern and Western Cities, and give FIVE CONCERTS in Washington, commencing as above, introducing new Ethiopian Melodies—Burlesques—Comique—Operatic Gems—Representations of Southern Darkies Life, and selections from popular pieces. See Small Bills.

Tickets 25 Cents. Doors open at 7, to commence at 1/2 before 8.

at & before 8.

LOST AND FOUND. POUND.-At Carusi's May Festival, a BRACE

I LET, which the owner can have by colling on J. RICHARD CROCKWELL, Stationers Hall, next to Kirkwood House, and paying for this advertise S REWARD.—Strayed or stolen, on Tuesday bevening. May 5, from the neighbor-hood behind No. 168 on 4% street, between E and F street, Island, a BLACK COW.

about 3 or 4 years old, small, with short legs, and tail, full white udder with black dugs, white belly; on the forehead a white triangular spot pointing up-wards; flat head, without horns; a small white spot on the hind part of the back, and a little white at the JOHN FANKOPF, Island. No. 1984% st., bet. Band F sts.

LOST OR STOLEN-From the possession of the Hon. Francis S. Edwards, at the Washington House in the city of Washington, on or about the 10th day of February, 1857. LAND WARRANT No. 51,233, dated December 24th, 1856. Said Warrant was issued to Ezra Reed, under the act of March, 1855. All persons are hereby cautioned against negotiating said Warrant as proceedings have been instituted by the holder, Ezra Reed, to cancel the same.

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EZRA REED.

WANTS.

WANTED.—A COLORED WOMAN to do the Cooking and Chamberwork for a family of four parson: Apply at No. 14 Ohio avenue, between 14th and 15th streets. may 8-3t COOK WANTED.-A respectable Woman can

WANTED TO HIRE IMMEDIATEL).—A COLORED GIRL, 14 or 15 years of age, to do "httle turns" about the house. Home in the northern part of the city, and, of course, free from the bad influences of down town. Slave preferred. Should come well recommanded. Good wages may be expected. Inquire at this office. may 8-cost

WASHER and IRONER, and to assist in Cooking. Must come well recommended. Apply at the Eldorado House, Penn. avenue, between 3d and WANTED TO HIRE.—A young or middle aged COLORED WOMAN to do general House

work in a small family. Slave preferred. Apply to ROBERT A. PAYNE, Druggist, corner 4th street WANTED.—A German or Irish GIRL to Cook in a smal family, about one mile from the city limits. Inquire of JOHN B. WARD, C street, be-tween 1st and 2d. may 6-3t

WANTED.—A YOUNG MAN, as a Salesman in a Dry Goods Store. One that has some knowledge of the business prefered. Address imme 'intely to Box 104, City Post Office. may 6-4t'

The subscriber has just received the following fresh assortment of Goods:

Layer Raisins, fresh soft-shell Almonds, Nantz Currants, Schiedam Schnapps in square quart flasks and stone jugs; Brandies, Wines, and Liquors, of superior qualities, assorted flavorings; Yeast Powders; Sperm, Adamantine, and Tallow Candles; Brown Soaps, Maccaronis, Vermacelli, scented Soaps; Scotch, Macaboy, American Gentleman, French Rappee, and Mrs. Miller's Snuffs; Corn Starch, Olive Oil, Carroway Seed, Root Ginger, English Mustard, American do.; Pepper Sauce, Spanish Segars, Tobacco, Scotch Ales, Brown Stout, Spices, & c., wholesale and retail, cheap for cash, or approved city paper.

JONAS P. LEVY

367 Pennsylvania avenue, opposite ap 30-tf

National Hotel. WANTED TO HIRE-For a term of years, a neat and comfortable DWELLING HOUSE, to be occupied by a careful and responsible tenant, with a family of three persons; no children. Address Box No. 514. City Post Office. may 4-lw

WANTED.—A convenient HOUSE. Rent about \$300. Not far from Penn. avenue. Note addressed Box 313, Post Office, with location and rent, will meet attention.

BREWERY MEN WANTED.—Three good BREWERY HANDS, to whom regular work and good wages will be given, oan find employment by applying to GEO. STOREY, Manager for Mr. Jos. Davison, at the Washington Brewery, Washington, D. C.

WANTED TO RENT.—A FURNISHED two bedrooms, and two servant's rooms, and a nursery. To be genteel in its appearance location, and outfit, and within convenient distance of the Departments. Address a note to Box No. 20, Star Office, stating location (street and number) and terms.

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BOARDING.

BOARDING.—One fine large PARLOR, hand-tached, and lighted with gas, for rent on moderate terms. Also, one airy, large front ROOM with a good sized single CHAMBER, suitable for a family or a single person. BOARD if desired, or MEALS served private. Apply at 468 10th street, between D and E.

MRS. BATES, AT HER BOARDING-HOUSE, on the southeast corner of Penn., Avenue and 9th street, has made arrangements to accommodate a large number of strangers with Meals time throughout the day, and Lodgings.

\$300 REWARD.—Ran away from the subscriMAN ISAAC WOOD. He is thirty years of
age, black complexion, about five feet and a
half high, and has very large lips.

The above reward will be paid for his apprehension and delivery to me if taken in a free State,
or \$100 if taken in the State of Maryland or District
of Columbia.

Buena Vista Post Office,
Prince Georges county, Md.

A CARD.—The attention of house-keepers and persons furnishing is called to the extensive sale of excellent Furniture and Effects of "Dexter's Hotel," commencing TUESDAY, May 12th, and continuing each day at the same hour.

The Furniture is of excellent quality and mostly in perfect order, having been purchased within the last two years. The Carpets are principally English Brussels and handsome patterns.

The Curied-hair Mattresses, Blankets, Lines Sheeting, Quilts, &c. are of the most superior quality and quite as good as new.

Amongst the Table Furniture are twenty heavily plated oval-covered Dishes of beautiful patterns and finish.

There is also a large quantity of handsome French China Vases, Water and Milk Pitchers, double-thick flat and deep Dishes, superior Silver-plated Casters, Table Cutlery, &c., affording an opportunity to persons furnishing rarely met with, as every article will positively be sold to the highest bidder.

may 5-tf JAS, C. McGUIRE, Auctioneer. PRING MANTILLAS.-We open, TO-DAY Black Silk and Lace MANTILLAS, comprising the novelties of the season, and at greatly reduced prices.

Also, a beautiful assortment of Spring HAWLS and SCARFS, to which we invite the special attention of the Ladies before making their selections.

COLLEY & SEARS.

may 6-cost 1952 7th street, 3 doors north Pa. sv.

MAY PARTIES AND BALLS.

ICE CREAM and WATER ICES of the best quality and of all flavors furnished to May Parties, Excursionists, Pic Nics, Hotels, and Families, at the low price of \$1.50 per gallon.

Also, a great variely of PLAIN and FANCY CAKES may be found constantly on hand at the PHILADELPHIA STORE, corner of 12th and Fatreets.

Mc LAUGHLIN & CO. ARE OPENING FANT beautiful SPRING GOODS, at 20 between 8th at ap 25 ap 25 FANS: FANS PANS !! of every tyle che